

ANCHOR CARLOS AND LAURA ELSIE DAVIS SCHOW

Lehi Centennial History 1850-1950

Anchor Carlos Schow, first president of the Lehi Stake of Zions, was born April 13, 1887, in Lehi, Utah, the son of Peter Senius Schow and Harriet Amanda Losee. He was educated in the public elementary and high schools of Lehi. October 14, 1895, he was baptized a member of the Latter-day Saint Church by Lawrence Hill, and was ordained a Deacon in 1901, a Teacher December 10, 1902, and an Elder December 4, 1905, by his father. Taking an active part in church affairs from his earliest youth, he acted as secretary and counselor of his Teachers quorum and later president of the Fifth Quorum of Elders in Alpine Stake. In 1906-1908 he filled a mission to the Southern States, laboring in Virginia. Returning home he was ordained a Seventy by Edward Southwick, and became secretary and later president of the 68th Quorum of Seventy.

Mr. Schow was active in Sunday School and Mutual Improvement Association, serving as secretary, assistant superintendent, and superintendent of the First Ward Sunday School, and superintendent of the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association.

On April 18, 1920, he was ordained a High Priest by Apostle Jame E. Talmage, and set apart as second counselor to Bishop R. John Whipple of the First Ward. He filled a short-term mission to California in 1926-27, laboring in the San Jose conference under the direction of President Stephen L. Chipman.

July 1, 1928, the old Alpine Stake was divided into three stakes, creating the Lehi Stake. Brother Schow was set apart as president of the new stake by Elder Joseph Fielding Smith, a position he held for nearly nineteen years.

Active in local secular affairs, he has been a director of the State Bank of Lehi for many years, was secretary of Lehi Irrigation Company for eleven years, and is serving his sixteenth year as postmaster.

He married Laura Elsie Davis, May 13, 1909, in the Salt Lake Temple, and to them were born four children: Elden Carlos Schow, Iris Margaret Potter, Ila Irene Swenson, and Erma Davis Frandsen.

Laura Elsie Davis was born in Salt Lake City, August 20, 1887, the daughter of Reuben Davis and Margaret Powell. In October, her parents moved their family to Lehi, where she was baptized a member of the Latter-day Saint Church on April 21, 1896, by James Gough, Sr., and was confirmed the same day by Thomas R. Jones. She attended the Franklin school, the Central school, and Lehi High School.

Since her youth she has been active in the various church organizations, serving as secretary, teacher, and president of the Primary; secretary and teacher in Sunday School; secretary, teacher, and counselor in Young Women's Mutual Improvement Association; secretary, teacher and president of Relief Society; and is now an active visiting teacher.

She is a member of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers and has served two years as captain of that organization.